

August 3, 2004

Mr. James F. Mallay
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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF APPENDIX A TO EMF 92-153, "HTP: DEPARTURE FROM
NUCLEATE BOILING CORRELATION OF HIGH THERMAL PERFORMANCE
FUEL" FOR REVIEW (TAC NO. MC3223)

Dear Mr. Mallay:

By letter dated May 19, 2004, Framatome ANP submitted for NRC staff review Appendix A to Topical Report (TR) EMF 92-153, "HTP: Departure From Nucleate Boiling Correlation of High Thermal Performance Fuel." The NRC staff has performed an acceptance review of Appendix A to TR EMF 92-153. We have found that the material presented is sufficient to begin our comprehensive review. The staff expects to issue requests for additional information by September 6, 2004, and complete its review by December 17, 2004, and estimates that the review will require approximately 200 staff hours including project management time. The review schedule milestones and estimated review costs were discussed and agreed upon in a telephone conference between Jerry Holm and myself on July 22, 2004.

Section 170.21 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* requires that TRs are subject to fees based on the full cost of the review. You did not request a fee waiver; therefore, staff hours will be billed accordingly.

Sincerely,

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